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Central's basketball teams prepare for a slammin' season.

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SPECTACLE

Eyes on news

No Observer next week

There will not be an issue of the Observer next week because of the Thanksgiving Holiday. The next issue will be delivered on Dec. 2.

Financial aid renewal applications to be sent soon

The financial aid applications will be in the mail between Nov. 15 and Dec. 31. Students who filled out the application online will have a pin number sent to them.

RHC takes stand against vehicle prowls

The Residence Hall Council (RHC) released a statement about parking lot security.

In the release, the RHC stated car prowls, automobile vandalism, incidences of broken glass, hazardous litter, and theft of vehicle contents have increased steadily during the past years.

The RHC stated that students pay an excessive sum of \$80 for parking permits and it feels the level of security should be increased. The council stated it wants private security officers, increased patrol of the parking lots by campus police and some sort of surveillance system that would deter crime and increase student safety.

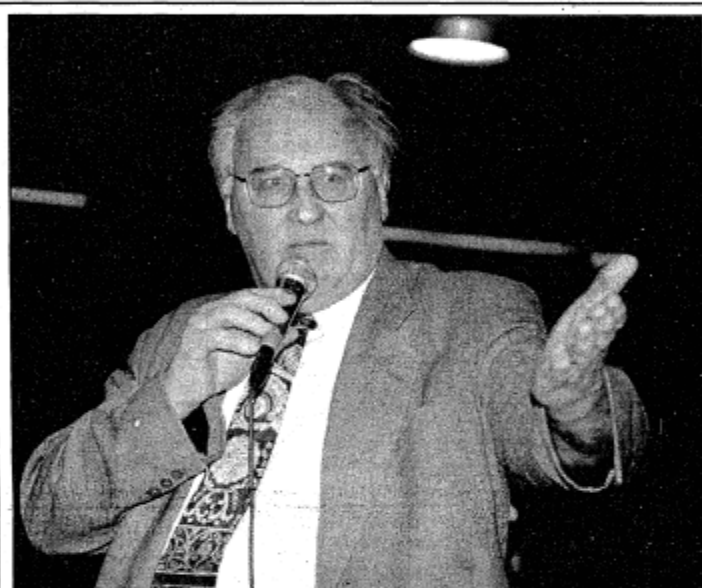
Study opportunity in China during Spring Break

A group of 10-15 students can study in China with history professor James Cook from March 18-27.

The students will stay at Beijing's Northern Jiaotong University to attend classes.

The opportunity to explore more of China will also be available. Day excursions to the Forbidden City, the Temple of Heaven, Tian An Men Square, the Summer Palace, the Lama Temple and the Great Wall will be available.

Anyone who would like to learn more about the trip may call Heather Barclay at the Office of International Studies at 963-3623. There will be an informational meeting at noon on Nov. 23 in the SUB Yakima room.



Daren Schuettelpelz/Observer

Do you know your rights?

As part of the "Know Your Rights and the Police" forum, the ACLU brought attorney Ken Beckley in to speak. No one from the campus police could attend so Beckley used the time to talk with and quiz the audience about their rights.

Ellensburg alerted to rape cases

by Jennifer Perkins
Staff reporter

Four cases of sexual assaults have been reported in the past months.

One incident was reported to the campus police department at 4:34 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2.

Steve Ritterreiser, campus police chief, said the assault happened at a residence hall on the north end of campus on Oct. 30 between midnight and 4:20 a.m. at a social gathering.

It was reported to the campus police by someone other than the victim.

The victim and alleged attacker were not strangers; they knew each other previous to the incident.

"A high level of intoxication was involved in the incident, but particular circumstances are very unclear at this point," Ritterreiser said.

The campus police department is actively investigating the report to

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Theatre and music appeal for funds

by Daren Schuettelpelz
News editor

After months of confusion and anxiety, the music and theatre departments have received more funds from the Services and Activities Fee Committee.

The music department received an additional \$7,800 and the theatre arts department received \$10,000.

The two chairs of the department,

Peter Gries of the music department and Brenda Hubbard of the theatre arts department, met with the S&A committee Tuesday morning to appeal for more funds.

The two departments formerly received substantial amounts of funds from the S&A committee but last year the committee decided to phase them out and cut them off completely because it felt the university should fund curriculum programs.

grams.

Former President, Ivory Nelson convinced the committee last spring to not completely cut the two departments' out of the budget and grant each \$10,000 for the biennium with the chance to appeal for more funds in the fall.

The music department received funds for concerts they will be attending in Reno and Yakima. Gries said these concerts are crucial to the

department to recruit new students and strengthen the program.

Hubbard appealed for the funds on the grounds the theatre arts department had streamlined its budget as much as possible and desperately needs the funds to pay for student positions.

"We have cut our expenses down to the bone," Hubbard said. "We are leaner and meaner than we have been ever before."

I-695 threatens small towns

by Krissie Hughes
Staff reporter

While the thought of cheaper car tabs made many voters giggle with delight, cities are now left scrambling to make up for the loss of funding due to the passage of Initiative 695.

Washington state voters approved I-695 on Nov. 2. The initiative was originally drafted to require all tax and fee increases be approved by a public vote.

The initiative also included a fee

cut to \$30 per year for car licensing taxes, drastically decreasing the cost of license tabs within the state of Washington.

Debate has ensued about the initiative because although the tabs are to be reduced, localities depend on revenue generated from the car tab fees.

The initiative will go into effect at the first of the year and many towns are planning to cut various programs because of the initiative.

For example, Garfield County, in southeastern Washington, has chosen

to annually adjust district fees for inflation purposes rather than pulling money out of their emergency fund.

Ellensburg has also had to face the consequences of I-695. The city will lose approximately \$301,000 with the passing of this initiative.

The city finance department has created a short term plan to take effect immediately and will keep the city running smoothly until the city council can finalize future plans.

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Harden files EEOC complaint

by Tom Stanton
Online managing editor

Central's director of disability support services has filed a discrimination complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity

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Angela Babre/Observer

Preparing for winter, E'burg style

Winter preparations keep Ellensburg residents busy during this time of year. Marshall and Pat Erikson hustle to get the leaves off the grounds surrounding their home before the snow comes.

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Campus Cops



Oct. 30, between 12-3 a.m.

An 18-year-old woman was sexually assaulted in Carmody-Munro. The incident is still under investigation.

Nov. 3, 11:15 a.m.

A 20-year-old woman saw a man on his knees between two cars masturbating.

The man is described as having short brown hair, medium build and height. He was wearing blue jeans.

Nov. 4, 11:42 p.m.

An 18-year-old man was cited for drug paraphernalia. He was found with a bong stem and bowl with residue.

Nov. 5, 10:55 p.m.

An 18-year-old woman was cited for a MIP in the H-18 parking lot.

Nov. 7, 2 a.m.

An 18-year-old man was cited for a MIP on the C-21 balcony of Student Village.

Nov. 8, 1:40 a.m.

Campus police responded to a complaint of physical assault.

It was reported that an 18-year-old man tried to kiss an 18-year-old woman in Beck Hall.

Nov. 9, 1:05 a.m.

A 20-year-old male reported receiving a harassing call earlier in the evening.

The caller was unknown to the victim and the caller asked for someone the victim did not know of. The caller reportedly sounded like an intoxicated man.

Nov. 9, 3:58 p.m.

A 22-year-old man was stopped for driving a moped without wearing a helmet. He was cited and released.

Nov. 9, 4:25 p.m.

A bicycle, belonging to an 18-year-old man, was reported stolen from the Sparks Hall bike patio sometime between Oct. 29 and Nov. 5. The bike's lock was cut.

Nov. 10, 9:30 p.m.

Campus police responded to a call that a 20-year-old woman was having a seizure. The Ellensburg

Fire Department paramedics transported the woman to KVCH.

Nov. 11, 12:15 a.m.

An 18-year-old man was stopped for suspicious activity.

The man exhibited signs of intoxication and admitted to consuming alcohol. He was cited for a MIP.

Nov. 12, 9:32 p.m.

Unknown suspects were reportedly setting off fireworks in a garbage can south of the Alford-Montgomery Hall.

It was reported to the campus police when something hit a third floor window. Campus police found a garbage bag melted in several places.

Nov. 13, 11:10 a.m.

An officer noticed six vehicles had damage to rear windows in the T-22 parking lot of Student Village.

The police suspect the damage was caused by either a BB or pellet gun. Nothing was reported stolen from any of the vehicles.

Nov. 14, 6:15 a.m.

A vehicle belonging to a 22-year-old man was broken into. An AM/FM CD player was taken. The vehicle was parked in the H-15 parking lot.

Nov. 14, 2:45 p.m.

An 18-year-old's vehicle had its sunroof broken and a Sony CD player was stolen as well as a socket set and four CDs.

Nov. 14, 2:21 a.m.

An 18-year-old man was pulled over for driving without the headlights on. The officer noticed an aroma of alcohol coming from the vehicle.

The suspect was given a field sobriety test and failed. He was taken to the jail for a sample breath test and was found above the legal limit for someone under 21 (.02).

He was booked into the jail and cited for MIP, DUI under 21 and the traffic violation.

For more information about these and other crimes, pass information and safety precautions, consult the Campus Police Web site at www.cwu.edu/~police.



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Signs, like this one behind the taps at The Tav, are part of the effort to educate about date rape drugs.

RAPE: Students urged to safety

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determine whether or not a crime was committed.

"The suspect isn't an obvious threat to the rest of the community," said Ritterer. "However, at this point, we are unable to provide additional information at this time by request of the victim."

This is the second sexual assault case reported on campus this year. The first was reported previous to fall quarter.

Ritterer would like to stress the importance of sexual assault prevention. He emphasizes awareness of surroundings at all times but especially at night.

"Try to walk confidently in

groups and while using lighted paths," Ritterer said.

The Wellness Center also offers information on sexual assault. Jill Clairey, a Safe Ride office staff member, said the Wellness Center can serve as a place to gather resources on the subject.

Two cases were reported to Kimberly Ryan, shelter adviser of the Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault clinic.

She said in both cases each girl had one drink a piece and both were spiked causing them to pass out completely.

"I would advise people to never leave a party with a guy you don't know," Ryan said.

The two women have not reported anybody for the offense.

Rape Prevention Tips

•Choose a responsible, trustworthy friend who can take care of you if you become too intoxicated.

•Decide how you will get home before you go to the party.

•Know what you're drinking and keep it with you at all times.

•Have emergency numbers, such as Safe Ride, a friend or taxi, with you in case you need a ride home.

•Carry \$5 for cab fare.

Central looks for options to retain students

by Kristie Hughes
Staff reporter

Central has recently begun extensive studies into why students leave Central and how the university can retain these students.

Approximately 1,400 Central students dropped out without any explanation to the university. More than 1/4 of these students were freshmen. The university has been rated consistently above all national norms and above comparable institutions in the area concerning retention problems.

Although retention studies occur at all universities or colleges, Central is attempting to discover the reason students leave and how Central can address potential problems. There are generally five reasons students may leave school before graduating. These reasons include: financial

problems; personal reasons; illness or psychological problems affecting the student or the student's family; the student changes his or her major and must transfer to another school where the program is available; or the student is asked to leave after being put on academic suspension.

Vice President of Marketing and Enrollment Management James Pappas, said that financial reasons are the leading cause for leaving school.

Administrators notice more students leaving due to poor grades. These students are labeled "at risk" students and the Central administration is attempting to make faculty and advisors more aware of the traits of "at risk" students and how to help them.

"At risk" students are defined as students with a grade point average

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—James Pappas

below a 2.0. Many of these students' problems come from interpersonal relations or a lack of motivation when attempting to improve after receiving poor feedback from classes. A majority have yet to fully decide on a major, and do not know where to turn to receive help.

Academic Services has begun distributing a pamphlet called "Survival Tips for Students" to all

advising outlets. While this pamphlet is focused on Ellensburg campus students, Vice President of Academic Services Sarah Shumate is piecing together a "Survival Tips" pamphlet for students attending the branch campuses.

"I'm hoping that it will heighten awareness of students at risk," Shumate said.

Central has put together an

Enrollment Management and Marketing Committee to discuss how to retain current and future students. The committee will also devise different ways to educate students and faculty advisors about the various advising options open to students in order to prevent students from dropping out of school.

"I think anytime you can work on relations between students and professors is a positive step," Pappas said.

In conjunction with the institutional studies department, the committee will be sending surveys to drop-out students in order to gather more information as to why they decided to leave Central.

"Students need to know how to activate certain behaviors and play less to reach academic goals rather than giving up," Shumate said.

Cathy Nisbet, Spurgeon gallery assistant, dies

Catherine M. Nisbet died Wednesday, Nov. 3 at the age of 58.

She was a Central gallery assistant for several years.

Services were held on Nov. 8. The family requested that instead of flowers, donations be made to

Gallery One.

Nisbet is survived by her husband Thomas Nisbet; son, Peter Nisbet; daughter, Molly B. Nisbet; mother, Kitty Moe; brother, Steve Moe; and sister, Marnie Geisert.

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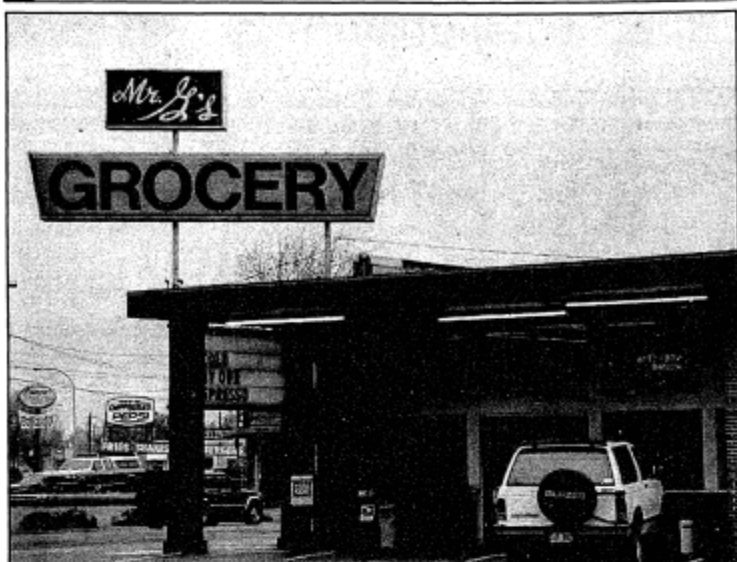
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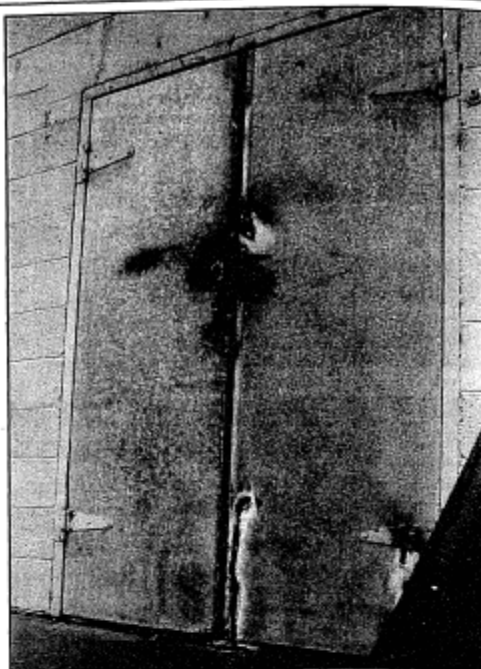
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Daren Schuettpeitz/Observer

Mr. G's Grocery store was the site of an attempted break in last Saturday. The individuals charged with the crime used a blow torch in an effort to cut through the back door.



Store suffers attempted blowtorch break-in

by Daren Schuettpeitz
News editor

Mr. G's Grocery suffered an attempted break-in early last Saturday morning.

Three men, two of whom were caught by Ellensburg Police, attempted to cut through the back door of the store using a portable blowtorch.

Jamie Fernandez, of Camano

Island and Domynico Rivas, of Stanwood, were caught by the police after a foot pursuit. The third subject remains at large.

Capt. Bob Richey said a nearby resident spotted the alleged break in around 4 a.m. and notified the police. One of the individuals was caught after the police dog, Aldo, was called to the scene to conduct a search.

Richey said the police seized a vehicle that belonged to one of the

“Who knows why they did it. There is not that much here.”

— Robbe Gilmour

individuals. The vehicle was reportedly a block away from the scene of the crime.

As to why the individuals allegedly attempted to break into the store, even the owner, Robbe

Gilmour was confused.

“Who knows why they tried,” Gilmour said. “There is not that much here. The safe is all locked up.”

In regard to the type of equipment used, a blowtorch, Gilmour said they were “very determined.”

The two men were taken to the Corrections Center and charged with burglary in the second degree and malicious mischief in the first degree.

CUT: I-695 starts to hurt the small towns' budgets

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Approximately \$90,000 has been removed from the Ellensburg youth center budget. \$50,000 will be removed from plans pertaining to new city land.

Several city positions, including an internship program and an office manager position in the Ellensburg Parks and Recreation department,

have been put on hold until funding can be built back up.

The city council newsletter, “Town Talk,” published twice a quarter, will now be produced once per quarter.

While the short term plans can hold the city for now, Ellensburg city officials will be searching for ways to keep current programs.

“I feel that this is a good plan,” Ellensburg Financial Director Larry

“I think it's unfortunate that most Americans are out to take the greedy route...”

—Larry Carpenter

Carpenter said. “This gives us time to make some good long term deci-

sions.” Plans are in the mill for city staff

to meet with the city council on a budget retreat to finalize policy on long term solutions or options pertaining to this problem.

Until then, Ellensburg residents will have to deal with the loss of some city-funded activities.

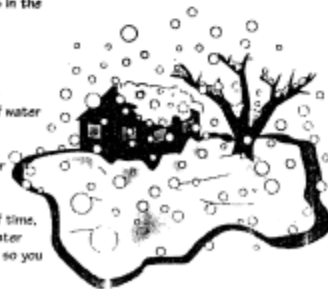
“I think that it's unfortunate that most Americans are out to take the greedy route rather than do what's right for our community,” Law and Justice junior Ray Turner said.

Before you leave for the holidays

Brrrr!!!

Now that freezing temperatures are here, let's take the necessary steps to avoid frozen water pipes:

1. Close all foundation vents. Seal all cracks and holes in the foundation or crawl space.
2. Turn off and drain outside faucets.
3. During periods of extreme cold weather, it is wise to periodically use the water, or allow a small amount of water to run, to maintain circulation in the water pipes.
4. If your residence is vacant for a short time, set your thermostat high enough so the pipes won't freeze.
5. If your residence is vacant for an extended period of time, have your water turned off at the meter by the City Water Department, at no charge during normal working hours, so you can drain your pipes.



If your pipes should freeze, do not use an open flame to thaw the pipes, and use caution for clearances when using space heaters. If you are unable to locate your shutoff valve to repair broken pipes, the City Water Department will turn off your water at the meter, at no charge during normal working hours, while the repairs are completed. It is very important only City personnel turn off water meters as the shutoff valve may freeze during cold weather causing it to break easily. In order for City personnel to shut off your water in a timely fashion, make sure your address is visible on your house and all debris is removed from the top of the water meter box.

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Committee narrows focus on candidates

by Melissa Mitchell
Staff reporter

The number of applicants being considered for the position of president at Central has gone from 75 applicants in October to seven applicants last week.

The 14 member presidential search committee and the search for a new president is entering its fifth month. The committee has since reviewed, discussed, and narrowed down the original pool of 75 to 12 candidates.

The 12 candidates had phone interviews with the committee during the week of Nov. 4 and the committee discussed the outcomes of the interviews on Nov. 11. The results from the interviews narrowed the search to eight candidates.

Roger Fouts, committee chair, said one of the eight candidates dropped out for personal reasons, so the other seven applicants will have off campus, in-person interviews. The committee hopes to conduct off-campus interviews Dec. 4-7 and to



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—Roger Fouts

select three or four candidates for presentation to the Board of Trustees (BOT).

“We are shooting for the Dec. 10 Board of Trustees meeting to present our final list of candidates,” Fouts said.

The names of the final candidates will be announced after presentation to the BOT. The BOT and the search committee will then begin going through personal references, conducting home institution interviews, and on campus interviews with the candidates.

“Our work is not over after we give the names to the BOT, we will help with home institution interviews, checking references, and on

campus interviews,” Fouts said.

The Presidential Search Committee includes: two students, three faculty, one dean, two BOT members, one exempt administrative staff, one classified staff, one alumni representative, one foundation board member, a committee chair, and a vice chair.

“With three BOT members serving on the committee it is not likely that the BOT will disapprove of all of the candidates. But it is possible that after the applicants’ names go public and we (the committee and the BOT) start checking references, we find information about a candidate good or bad that was previously unknown,” Fouts said.

Future Candidate Deadlines

The Presidential Search Committee has planned out the rest of the search process.

•Dec. 10 — Present a list of candidates to the Board of Trustees

•Mid January — Campus visits by the candidates

•Late January — Committee meets with BOT to provide feedback

Power outage schedule

Due to electrical upgrades, several residence halls will have the power shut off. The majority of the power outages will be between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

•Nov. 18 — Alford-Montgomery, Kennedy, Green, Depot Deli, and the H and I sections of Student Village.

•Nov. 19 — Davies
•Nov. 22 — Meisner and Hitchcock

•Nov. 23 — Sparks and Beck
•Nov. 24 — Barto

•Nov. 29 — Alford-Montgomery and Carmody Munro

•Nov. 30 — Green, Green Deli and Kennedy

•Dec. 1 — Davies, Quigley, Meisner, Hitchcock, Beck and Sparks

•Dec. 4 — Davies, Meisner, Hitchcock, Beck, Sparks, Quigley, sections H and I of Student Village, Holmes, Barto, Moore and Anderson.

NCUR research abstract deadline approaching

The deadline to enter abstracts for the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) is Dec. 1.

The NCUR is designed to promote undergraduate research, scholarship and creativity with the partnership of faculty or other mentors.

The NCUR is being held April 27-29, in Missoula, Mont.

The conference will bring together undergraduates studying in a range of disciplines including cre-

ative arts, mathematics, business, social science, humanities, physical and life sciences, natural sciences and engineering, as well as others.

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COMPLAINT: Harden complains of discrimination

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Commission (EEOC).

"I believe my civil rights have been violated," Director Rob Harden said.

Harden, who suffers from clinical depression, said Central has not appropriately responded to his allegation that he was discriminated against because of his disability.

Harden said employees with disabilities have the right to ask employers for accommodations that will help the employees perform their duties. The accommodation plan that was agreed upon in his case was not fully implemented, Harden said.

"It is to be in place unless the disability changes or the job changes," Harden said. "And that is not what happened in my case. They never did all of it and they didn't do it consistently."

On June 30, 1999, Harden received a letter dated June 22 that said his yearly contract with the university had been renewed until June 30, 2000. On Aug. 13, 1999, Harden received a letter of termination that said his contract will end on Feb. 29, 2000.

"Without any explanation and without any incident I know of, I was delivered a letter of termination with no cause," Harden said. "I believe I got a letter of termination because of my strong advocacy of people with disabilities and yes, that is illegal. That's not at issue in the EEOC complaint that's something I've been try-

"I believe I got a letter of termination because of my strong advocacy of people with disabilities and yes, that is illegal."

—Rob Harden

ing to get the school to address."

While Harden has been outspoken about his termination and discrimination complaint, university officials have been mum.

"I won't comment as the university's attorney because it is a personnel matter," Teresa Kulik, assistant state attorney general, said.

Legally personnel matters are to be kept confidential between the university and its employees, therefore the university can not comment on Harden's complaint. Kulik said the EEOC's investigation has not been completed.

"The EEOC has strict rules about confidentiality during an investigation," Kulik said.

Kulik said the EEOC generally looks at whether discrimination occurred or whether there were other factors unrelated to discrimination that support the institution's actions.

Since Harden is an administrative exempt employee, he and the university have a yearly contract.

According to the exempt employee code, contracts for employees terminated "for cause" such as insubor-

dination are terminated immediately. Employees whose contracts are terminated "not for cause" are given between three months and one year notice depending upon their length of service. Harden's termination appears to be in the "not for cause" category because he was given six months notice.

After receiving the termination letter, Harden met with interim Central President Dolph Norton in an effort to keep his job.

"The answer was basically that, 'I'm not persuaded to reverse the decision of my predecessor,'" Harden said of his conversation with Norton.

Harden said he asked Central's Board of Trustees to reverse the decision, but was told the matter did not warrant the grievance process and that his case was a nonrenewal of his contract, so the university does not have to give any reasoning for the decision.

Harden said he began the EEOC complaint process by calling the commission's Seattle office and talking to a representative about his case.

He was sent an intake questionnaire to fill out. After his questionnaire was reviewed, Harden participated in a two-hour telephone interview with an EEOC staff member.

The EEOC then drafted a letter of complaint that was notarized and served to Central. Central was then given the opportunity to tell its side of the story.

After those steps were taken, the EEOC could either rule in favor of the employee or the employer, but Harden said usually cases aren't so clear cut and an investigation is needed.

Harden said he was told that at any point during the investigation he can ask the EEOC for a "right to sue letter" to proceed with a lawsuit.

If a lawsuit is initiated the EEOC process is stopped and that is not something Harden wants to see happen.

"I really want the EEOC to look at how persons with disabilities were treated on this campus," Harden said. "I believe I am not alone in being a person of disability who has been discriminated against because of

being a person of disability."

Harden said he thinks many other Central employees with disabilities will want to talk to the EEOC investigators about discrimination.

"I think an incredible opportunity was missed to change the campus climate here," Harden said. Harden said if Norton had reversed Nelson's decisions it would have "electrified" the campus community.

Harden said that while he waits for the EEOC's conclusion, he has not had any difficulty being at Central to perform his duties because of the tremendous emotional support he has received from his colleagues.

"It has exacerbated my disability without a doubt, but I'm not ashamed of being fired," Harden said. "I think the people who fired me are the ones who should be ashamed."

About the EEOC

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) was established by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

The EEOC enforces federal laws that prohibit employment discrimination based on age, race, color, national origin, religion, sex or mental or physical disabilities.

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Athletics push for new scoreboards

by Jennifer Perkins
Staff reporter

The scoreboards at Nicholson Pavilion and Tomlinson Field have seen better days, and the athletic department wants more modern ones installed.

"The ones we have now are outdated," Keith Champagne, interim athletic director, said. "Having modern scoreboards would help us in recruiting new students and developing sponsorship for all our programs."

A request for proposal (RFP) is in the works for the new scoreboards and should be finalized within the next few weeks.

"The purpose of the RFP is to try and solicit interest from banks, beverage companies, or from a third party advertising firm who wants to go out and sell the available advertising," Michael Hardiman, director of business services and contracts, said.

Having companies pay to advertise on the scoreboard would fund a large part of the costs for the new scoreboards.

"[We will do] anything we can to have our program survive without having the institution and the students absorb the total costs," Champagne said.

Champagne said due to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and Central regulations, tobacco and alcohol advertisements may not be posted on the scoreboards or on campus.

The process of getting new scoreboards is still in the preliminary stage and it is difficult to tell when the installation date will be set.

"From the date of the [RFP] issue, then probably giving time for people to respond and ask questions, it will probably take six or seven weeks," Hardiman said.

Central hopes the scoreboards will be completed before the next football season.



Ashley Rotonda/Observer

Central said its scoreboards are outdated and it's time for an upgrade. The university is searching for companies to foot the bill for new scoreboards.

THE WASHINGTON NEWS COUNCIL AND THE CWU COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT PRESENT

Meet Makela Scott

She started taking birth-control pills at 13, lost her virginity at 14, got pregnant at 15, gave birth to son at 16, moved herself and her baby into their own apartment in south Minneapolis at 16½ and got really bummed out about life at 17. Now she's 17½. Life, she she says, can be tough. "This baby business ain't easy."

*From the Sunday Star Tribune,
Minneapolis, Minn., May 22, 1988.*

UNITED BLACK FRONT V. STAR TRIBUNE A case study of media ethics

1 p.m., Nov. 18

in Black Hall 152

The Minneapolis Star Tribune ran a long feature story about teenage pregnancy in 1988 that resulted in a complaint before the Minnesota News Council. The complaint by the United Black Front said the story and pictures were "racist, degrading, exploitive, insensitive and a total misrepresentation of the real concern it attempted to address — teenage pregnancy."

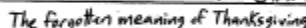
The Minnesota News Council set up a panel of readers and members of the journalism community to hear the complaints and to rule on the ethics of the piece. The Washington News Council and the CWU Communication Department will host a case study of the complaint in a demonstration of the workings of a news council. Bill Kunerth, publisher of the Daily Record, will be playing the role of the Star Tribune representative; two members of the Washington News Council will take on the complainant's side. Central students will be sitting as the deciding panel.

The public is invited to attend. For more information, contact Lois Breedlove at 963-1046 or breedlov@cwu.edu.

BOD protest is too little and too late

—Carrina Galloway

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Letters

“Due to the efforts of committed activists across the Northwest (Montana and Washington), student voter turnout increased in targeted student-dominated precincts by 31%.”

That sucks. One of the great challenges we face as student organizers is getting young people who care about the environment, social justice, and other progressive issues to use the political process to their advantage. Running for office, writing letters, and showing up at the polls are essential to creative positive social and environmental change. Big business is throwing thousands of dollars into races and counting on us to sit on our couches and watch Beavis and Butthead on Election Day. We need to counter that thinking with action.

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Guest Column

New stats show Central students make high-risk drinking choices

by Bob Trumpy
Director of Student Health and Counseling Center
and
Gail Farmer
Wildcat Wellness Coordinator

The Wellness Center has facilitated a non-scientific survey looking at our student alcohol use for the past six academic years. The statistics were also compared to National rates of alcohol use. The results from the last two years show multiple indications of the impact of high-risk use on academic performance and safety for students here at CWU.

For the last two years CWU students had a nationally normative percent of drinkers who drank in the last 30 days. But of our drinkers for the last two years, we had significantly higher rates of:

- male binge drinkers
 - binge drinkers receiving C-F grades
 - alcohol users receiving C-F grades
 - students driving a car while under the influence during the year
 - drivers under the influence receiving C-F grades
 - performing poorly on a test/project due to alcohol
 - memory loss
 - missing a class
 - doing something they regretted
 - being taken advantage of sexually
 - students thinking they might have a drinking/drug problem
- Additionally, from 1997-1998 to 1998-1999 rates have increased for the following:

- binge drinking (1%)
- driving under the influence (1%)
- male binge drinkers (4%)
- rate of poor grades by binge drinkers (4%)
- performing poorly on a test/project (3%)
- missing a class (4%)
- being taken advantage of sexually (3%)

Keep in mind the definition of binge drinking is four drinks for women and five drinks for men in one day/sitting. The statistics imply that the CWU binge drinkers are:

- increasing the quantity and frequency of their drinking
- more likely to drive drunk despite having an extensive designated driver program available to them and/or concerns for safety issues
- increasingly missing classes and receiving poor grades
- more likely to be men and less likely to be women

Research has shown four drinks on any day, regardless of gender, size or tolerance, impairs abstract thinking skills for at least 48 hours following the drinking. This may explain the decrease in academic performance related to the increase in the rate of binge drinking and by those who already binge-drink. We would therefore expect to find a majority of the reduction in academic performance in male high-risk drinkers. Furthermore it looks like this sub-group of high-risk drinkers has increased by about 3-4% between surveys.

Letters

With that in mind, Campus Green Vote volunteers, interns, and fellows in the Northwest and nationwide are fighting long and hard to increase voter turnout and encourage young activists to hold their elected officials accountable. And their efforts are paying off.

This year in the Northwest, students were active and involved in the elections and the candidates noticed. Brianne Cohen, a Campus Green Vote volunteer at the University of Washington, moderated a Seattle City Council Candidate Forum where nine of the 10 candidates were present. Students packed the house and asked questions about the impacts of the controversial I-695, plans for a light rail and monorail system, and the mayor's proposal to ban the use of exotic animals for entertainment purposes. According to Jim Compton, one of the winning candidates, students asked "hard questions about real issues."

Due to the efforts of committed activists across the

Northwest (Montana and Washington), student voter turnout increased in targeted student-dominated precincts by 31%. And all of this was accomplished in and off-year election. These actions paid off and will continue to pay off if we hold our elected officials accountable to the promises they made and stay involved as activists. Making a difference requires taking action, and taking action at the polls is a great place to start. The 2000 elections are right around the corner and we need to make the youth voice scream louder than the howl of money and greed.

Derek Bockes and Doug Israel
Campus Green Vote

This letter was provided by National Environmental Wire for Students (NEWS).

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MEETINGS

Thursday, Nov. 18

CWU Flight Team
Flight Center, 7 p.m.
Washington Student Lobby
SUB 210, 5 p.m.
AGAPE Club
SUB 209, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 21

Oasis Christian Fellowship
First Presbyterian Church (3rd Ave), 7 p.m.
Young Life
Director's House, 6 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 22

Swing Cats
SUB Ballroom, 6:45 p.m. lesson, 8 p.m. practice
Circle K International
SUB 210, 7 p.m.
Rodeo Club
SUB 208, 7 p.m.
College Republicans
SUB Chief Owhi room, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 23

Roots and Shoots
SUB, 5 p.m.
Accounting Club
Shaw-Smyser 114, 6 p.m.
Association of Construction Managers
Hogue 212, 6 p.m.
SOMIS
Shaw-Smyser, 6 p.m.
GALA
SUB Owhi room, 6 p.m.
Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship
SUB Yakama room, 7 p.m.
Salt Co.
CMA Church (14th and B St.), 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 24

Alcoholics Anonymous
SUB 107, noon
AL-ANON
Sue Lombard Recreational Room, noon
American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
SUB 105, 6 p.m.
Student Council for Exceptional Children
Black 202/203, 7 p.m.
Campus Ambassadors
SUB 208, 7 p.m.
Campus Crusade for Christ "Real Life"
SUB Theater, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 25

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Students find banking choices complicated

Ellensburg banks have many options for students to check out

by Eric Overman
Staff reporter and
Claire Hein
Scene Editor

Research 101 final project: Wander around to all the six banks in Ellensburg, collect their brochures on checking and savings accounts, read them, compare them, and then try to formulate an intelligent decision on which bank offers the best services for the least cost.

It is likely that this seems like a daunting task considering the multitude of available options, and it is in fact daunting. The process can be downright confusing. Just finding the information rack inside the banks can be a detective.

The six banks in Ellensburg — Bank of the West, Kittitas Valley Bank, Sterling Savings, U.S. Bank, Wells Fargo and Yakima Federal Savings — offer a total of 25 different checking accounts and nine different savings accounts; each account has its own unique requirements. The number of accounts available becomes more prolific when senior citizen and other specialized offers are considered.

At first glance, all the accounts seem like a jumbled potpourri of benefits and costs. The costs, like monthly service fees, monthly and daily minimum balance requirements, per check fees, interest-bearing accounts,

non-interest bearing accounts and ATM fees can be hard to understand.

Opening the right account

So, how do students weed out non-relevant accounts and figure out which account suits them? Most students can exclude more than half of the accounts because they require a monthly minimum balance of \$500 or more. This leaves only nine accounts to choose from.

Banks offer at least one standard stand-alone savings account. Minimum opening balance requirements range from \$0 to \$300, and monthly or quarterly fees from \$0 to \$5. Some banks waive savings and checking charges for customers maintaining a minimum balance.

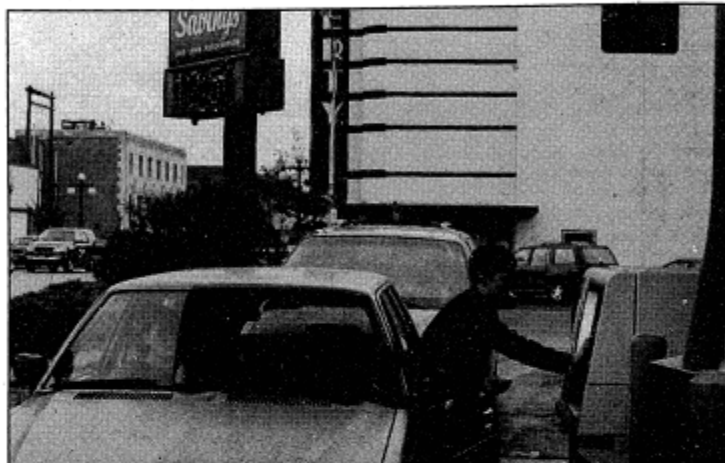
Jeffrey Smith, a senior in music performance, said understanding the account can help to avoid fees that put strain on a student budget.

"I got nailed for so many fees, \$5 for this and \$4 for that," Smith said. "Fees are a big problem."

All of the banks offer linked checking and standard savings accounts. However, U.S. Bank and Wells Fargo also offer special savings accounts that must be linked to a checking account. These accounts reduce monthly service charges and offer higher interest rates.

Reading between the lines

Though most account information can be found in bank literature, merely thumbing through it to compare



Kim Nowacki/Observer

Kristi Pair grabs some quick cash from the drive-thru ATM at Yakima Federal Savings.

accounts does not give an accurate picture of the hidden costs customers might incur. The way to discover them is to sit down with a bank representative, go over each individual account and ask questions.

It is easy for the bank representative to become a salesperson, so customers should make sure the meeting is informative.

Junior Charley Burnett faced this problem while attempting to open a basic checking account.

Burnett said he felt like the representative was pushing him to upgrade to a more costly account.

Making a detailed list of your

banking needs will help steer the meeting in the right direction and help you decide if the bank is able to meet your needs.

Avoiding ATM mayhem

Every bank in Ellensburg issues ATM cards to customers, but few mention all the fees in the brochures.

Renee Sproull, a sophomore, said ATM fees are her biggest headache.

"When I go to the westside, I can't get money out without paying high ATM fees," Sproull said. "The only thing I wanted an account in Ellensburg for was to deposit my refund checks, but the fees have been so hard to pay."

Ask if the bank charges ATM fees for branch and non-branch use of the ATM machines. All banks in Ellensburg offer free branch ATM use. However, Yakima Federal Savings is the only bank that does not charge for non-branch ATM use.

Finding out how much the banks charge for using non-branch ATMs is also important. Most banks charge a flat rate between 80 cents to \$1.50. Wells Fargo and U.S. Bank tie for the highest charge with \$1.50.

Sterling Savings has a more com-

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Checking

Bank	Account Name	Monthly Service Fee?	Free Checks?	Per Check Charge	Teller Fees	Minimum Monthly Balance Required?	Non-Branch ATM Fee
Bank of the West	Cash Advantage	Yes	No	Free	Free	No	Fee required
Kittitas Valley Bank	Everybody's Checking	Yes	Free	Free	Free	No	Fee required
Sterling Savings Bank	Economy Checking	Free	No	Fee required	Free	No	Fee required
	Primary Checking	Fee can be waived if minimum balance maintained, or direct deposit	No	Free	Free	Fee can be waived if minimum balance maintained, or direct deposit	Fee required
U.S. Bank	Express Checking	Fee can be waived if minimum balance maintained, or direct deposit	No	Fee required	Fee required	No	Fee required
	Value Checking	Fee can be waived if minimum balance maintained, or direct deposit	No	Free	Free	No	Fee required
Wells Fargo	Custom Account	Fee can be waived if minimum balance maintained, or direct deposit	No	Free	Free	No	Fee required
	ATM Checking	Yes	No	Free	Free	No	Fee required
Yakima Federal Savings	Freedom 2000	Free	No	Free	Free	No	Free

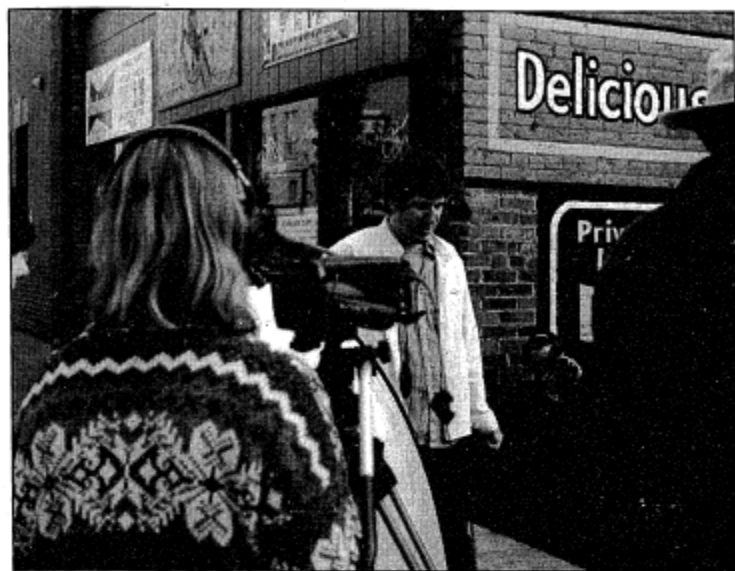
Checking and savings account comparison

Savings

Banks	Account Names	Service Fees	Minimum Opening Deposit
Bank of the West	Regular Savings	\$5 fee waived if linked to checking, \$100 when not linked	\$5 when linked to checking, \$100 when not linked
Kittitas Valley Bank	Guaranteed Savings	\$2 fee waived if linked to checking, \$100 when not linked	\$25 when linked to checking, \$100 when not linked
Sterling Savings Bank	Statement Savings/Passbook Savings	\$2 fee waived if \$250 minimum balance maintained	N/A
U.S. Bank	Savings	\$3 fee waived with \$200 daily balance maintained	N/A
Wells Fargo	Target Balance	\$3 fee waived with \$100 daily balance maintained	N/A
Yakima Federal Savings	Passbook Savings	N/A	\$1

Information for these charts was gathered from pamphlets at the banks included in the above story.

Student films downtown



(Above) Writer and director, Charles Spano, directs his cast and crew for his film, "For External Use Only."

(Left) Lights, camera, action! The crew "For External Use Only" sets up for their next shot Saturday afternoon outside the Horseshoe.

Kim Nowacki/Observer

Program aids seniors in need

by Noelle Timoshuk
Staff reporter

For many Central seniors, the nearing end of the school year means a hectic time of preparing portfolios, establishing internships, and making sure all course requirements are fulfilled, to name a few obligations.

It would be nice if tuition fees were not included in the list of worries.

Unfortunately, the possibility of having financial aid terminated a quarter prior to graduation has been a reality for some seniors.

Some students are forced to drop out of school, unable to graduate because of a lack of funds.

But for many seniors in this situation, there is good news on the way.

Marlene Lucas, assistant director of Annual Giving, has created the campaign "Senior Gift 2000," designed specifically to help seniors in need.

With her committee of nine student members, Lucas is working toward reaching a goal of \$20,000 for next year.

"Some of these seniors who've been here for five years all of the sudden get cut, or things happen in the last quarter that are unexpected. These people could apply for this emergency scholarship and have their

tuition paid. Period," Lucas said.

Next year's campaign, called "Put Yourself in a Senior's Shoes," will operate on a need basis only, with no GPA stipulations.

However, all requirements for eligibility have not been worked out yet.

During the financial aid disbursement days in the winter and spring quarters, tables will be set up in Barge Hall to ask for student donations.

"As a senior, I am happy to be a part of a committee that is working toward helping seniors who otherwise wouldn't be able to pay for their last quarter. It seems senseless to have seniors not be able to graduate because of lack of funds," senior education and art major Genay Wilmore, said.

Lucas encourages all students to donate what they can, because everyone eventually could benefit from this scholarship.

"I know people who have had to drop out and that's so sad to think that they're just one quarter shy. They drop out a year to work and come back, because they know this stuff is going to happen down the line," Lucas said.

Eventually, the committee's goal is to extend the scholarship for a full year, or possibly for different time ranges, on a one-time award basis only.

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Undergraduate-Resident	5,335	617	116	6,068
Undergraduate-Nonresident	0	3	0	3
Graduate-Resident	5,644	269	116	6,029
Graduate-Nonresident	0	634	0	634

Central Calendar

Thursday, November 18

Grant writing workshop, 2 p.m.- 4:50 p.m., Shaw-Smyser 115

Tech Fee Committee meeting, 5 p.m., SUB 209

Snow Awareness Workshop, 6p.m. - 8p.m., SUB Yakama room- free pizza & pop

"The Caucasian Chalk Circle," 6:30p.m., Tower Theatre- \$5

Student Composers Concert, 8 p.m., Hertz Hall

Friday, November 19

Free root beer floats, noon, Hogue Tech Lounge

"On the edge of chaos: biology from a non-linear dynamics perspective," 4 p.m., Science Building 216

Open Mic, 8 p.m.-11 p.m., Austin Eats- \$2, open to all ages

Comedy Night, 8 p.m., Club Central

Sexual Chocolate & Karaoke, 8 p.m., The Zone, 216 W. Yakima Ave- \$5

Guitar Ensemble directed by James Durkee, 8 p.m., Hertz Hall

"The Caucasian Chalk Circle," 6:30p.m., Tower Theatre- \$5

Saturday, November 20

"The Caucasian Chalk Circle," 6:30p.m., Tower Theatre- \$5

Sunday, November 21

Brass Choir Concert, 3 p.m., Hertz Hall

Belly dancing classes, 7 p.m., Jazzercise Center- \$5 per class

Historic & Contemporary music for guitar ensembles and soloists, 8 p.m., Hertz Hall

Monday, November 22

AA meeting, noon, SUB 107

Academic Skills Drop-in Lab, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Thursday, Bouillon 101

"Teaching Chemistry From the Earth to the Moon," 4 p.m., Science Building 216

Tuesday, November 23

President Norton's Address to Classified Staff, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. or 2:30 p.m.- 4 p.m., Sue Lombard Room

"Black Cat, White Cat," *Classic Film Series*, 7 p.m., McConnell Auditorium

Symphonic Band Program, 8 p.m., Hertz Hall

Wednesday, November 24

AA meeting, noon, SUB 107

Adult Children of Alcoholics meeting, noon, Sue Lombard

Circle K Volunteer Club, 5:15 p.m., SUB 209

Black Student Union, 6 p.m., Sam's Place (located in SUB Cafe)

Do you have an event you want to publicize? Call Elizabeth Belts at 963-1073, fax 963-1027, or e-mail me at belts@cwu.edu

Activities planned for holiday giving

by Christina Lee
Staff reporter

The season to give has arrived at Central. Students and faculty are organizing events and programs to benefit the campus and community.

Thanks for Giving activities coordinated by CWU Service-Learning and Volunteer Center student fellows will run from Nov. 12 through 24.

The Thanks for Giving program consists of ten sub-programs including the Book Drive, Can-Opener Drive, Tree for Women's Shelter, Squeaky Toys/Blankets Drive, Hell Rakers/Snow Blowers and Weed Pulling.

"Thanks for Giving is a time for students and faculty to reflect upon the fortunes that they have and give some of those fortunes back to the community," Jenny Walton, CWU Service-Learning and Volunteer Center student fellow, said.

The center's fellow coordinators are working hard to organize and prepare the programs for the upcoming holidays.

"We are coordinating and finding needs in the community and connecting students and faculties to meet those needs," Walton said.

The canned goods collected through the Thanks for Giving Programs will be given to Friends In Service to Humanities (FISH), which is an organization that provides foods to needy individuals and families.

The programs will help both the campus and Ellensburg communities. The center will be working with the Kittitas County Action Council,

the Domestic Violence Sexual Assault organization and the Humane Society.

The Service-Learning and Volunteer Center's goal aims to meet the needs of the community and opens the idea of volunteering to students.

Over 100 students will be involved in the program. Student organizations involved are the Club Senate, Biology Club, Residential Hall Council, and Circle K.

The Thanks for Giving Program is the third annual holiday program to be held on campus.

The idea for the program came from a former volunteer program called Central Cares.

The Thanks for Giving Program will be advertised through group presentations, flyers, table-tops and word of mouth.

KCAC works with Youth Unlimited to serve a Thanksgiving Dinner held at the National Guard Armory beginning at 4 p.m. on Nov. 24.

"During Thanksgiving we are leaving notes for families to know about the food services available for them at the Armory on the 24th," Geoff Crump, Kittitas County Action Council volunteer, said. "We want to make sure they know the service is available for them."

Walton and Crump are two of the many volunteers, assuring there will be services available for families in need this Thanksgiving.

Ware Fair features creative gifts

by Cara Lancot
Staff reporter

Central's annual Ware Fair offers unique gift solutions for those hard-to-shop-for people who seem to have everything.

The Samuelson Union Building (SUB) will be occupied by the Ware Fair, complete with holiday music, food and more than 70 arts and crafts booths Dec. 1 through 4.

"Students can see fleece hats, scented candles, pictures, wood products, pottery, food, all kinds of different things," junior Ellen Long, Ware Fair coordinator, said.

So far, 77 spaces are filled, mostly on the first floor. Spaces on the second floor of the SUB are still available.

Central students are given priority to all available spaces. Long said students and clubs have reserved at least 10 booths.

Ware Fair supervisor Donna Basteyns said a fee of \$9 to \$73 per day is charged per vendor. The fee depends on the size and location of the booth and whether the vendor is an off-campus student, senior citizen, on-campus student, or general public member.

Basteyns said local artist Jerry

Freeman judges every item sold at the Ware Fair for eligibility. Items are judged because the Ware Fair only exhibits handcrafted items.

Basteyns said Freeman has been the judge for the past 20 years. The Ware Fair has been held annually at Central since 1975.

This year the Ware Fair is collaborating with the Service Learning Center and Campus Activities for the Holiday Extravaganza.

Students and families have the opportunity to visit and take a picture with Santa during the event.

The Holiday Extravaganza takes place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4 in the SUB Club Central.

Long said she has been planning this year's Ware Fair since September. She has enjoyed getting to know the people she is working with.

"It's fun to see all the products coming in," Long said.

The Ware Fair begins at 9 a.m., Dec. 4 in the SUB.

Ware Fair hours

Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Thursday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



(Right) Georgia Kidwell, Iesha Brown, Laury Stoesser, Trina Cooke and Eileen Cadna practice dancing with veils during their weekly belly dancing class.

(Below) Owner of 7th Heaven, Laury Stoesser, shakes up Sunday nights with her belly dancing lessons.

Kim Nowacki/Observer



Belly dancing provides exercise

by Noelle Timoshuk
Staff reporter

It's that time of year again, when the weather turns cold, and many people move in doors to participate in recreational activities to stay in shape.

For all the adventurous women who fit this category, how about something a little different?

Local business owner and dance instructor Laury Stoesser offers belly dancing classes every Sunday evening.

Stoesser is an experienced belly dancer and has been teaching her friends belly dancing for five years.

"It's incredible exercise and a fantastic workout," Stoesser said. "It works out a lot of muscles you thought you never had."

The classes have a comfortable, casual feel and are non-performance based, so there are no expectations for beginners.

"It's my purpose to offer a low-key class to those who might be a little intimidated. It's for women of all shapes and sizes. It's really fun," Stoesser said.

Classes are on Sundays, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Jazzercise Center.

For more information call 962-2738.

Activities arrive in time for winter

Winter is here and Ellensburg and the surrounding communities are preparing for fun and the responsibility the snowy season brings.

Snow Awareness Workshop

John Steimberris will be presenting a snow awareness workshop Nov. 18.

The Snow Awareness Workshop is being held in the SUB Yakima Room from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The workshop focuses on winter outdoor activities and back-country safety and survival.

Free pizza and soda are some of the things provided to those participating in the workshop.

The Snow Awareness Workshop is sponsored by University Recreation, Tent-N-Tube, Mountain High Sports, Frazzini's Pizza, Teriyaki Central, Super Cuts and Les Schwab.

Leavenworth Tree Lighting

University Recreation, Tent-N-Tube and the International Student Association are providing transportation to Leavenworth for the Christmas tree lighting Dec. 4.

The trip costs \$8 per person and registration is available at University Recreation in SUB 111 and at the Tent-N-Tube located at the SUB west entrance.

For more information call 963-3512 or 963-3537.

PE/Fitness club offers trips to Mission Ridge

The PE/Fitness Club will be sponsoring a series of four Sunday trips to Mission Ridge during winter quarter for students interested in skiing or snowboarding.

The excursions are scheduled for Jan. 9, 23 and 30 and Feb. 6.

Transportation to Mission Ridge will be provided through the club and participants can purchase lift tickets, rent equipment and schedule

four two hour lessons with the Missions Ridge Ski School.

Participants will be grouped from beginning to expert according to ability level.

Spaces are limited to bus capacity. To reserve a spot, complete the registration form available outside room 132 in the Physical Education Building. For more information, call Steve Jefferies at 963-2241.

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Banks: Fees confuse and irk students

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Beware. Non-branch ATM owners may also charge a fee, so the total charges could double.

Taking tellers for granted

Not all checking and savings options include free teller service. Some accounts have a special stipulation that the customer will use the ATM machine for all transactions. Although this option is convenient, it could become a very costly problem in the event of a balance error.

Senior Karen Bjorge found out in 1995 that banking strictly through an ATM machine has a bad side.

In the process of transferring funds, Bjorge claims her bank lost \$350 of her money. When she tried to fix the problem through the aid of a teller, the bank charged her a fee for each visit.

"I couldn't believe it," said Bjorge. "I got my statement and

couldn't believe all the charges."

Rasa Tuskes, a senior in communication studies, had a similar problem with her ATM account. This summer, while working in Ellensburg, Tuskes deposited her paychecks at the ATM machine. Confident her paychecks were ending up in her checking account, Tuskes counted on the balance she had recorded in her checkbook when writing checks out of her account.

Unfortunately, Tuskes incurred fees for bouncing checks because her ATM deposits were never added to her account.

"It was a nightmare," Tuskes said. "It was such a headache talking to the tellers over the phone to explain what

had happened and it took them forever to solve the problem."

The bottom line

Julie Burich, a junior in music education, said the business hours of the bank are a big concern for her.

"My bank is only open until 5 p.m. and it is difficult to find time during the day to go down there," Burich said. "Having a bank that was open until 6 p.m. would help."

Heather Moser, a freshman in music, said she chose U.S. Bank because her biggest concern was the availability of branches.

"They basically have branches everywhere," Moser said.

However, Bonnie Price, an administration assistant in operations

and resource management, banks with Kittitas Valley Bank because her biggest concern is keeping her money local.

"We heard it was going to be a local bank," Price said. "So we changed."

Banks don't all offer the same products and services, or have conveniently located branches. Weighing all the options and considering whether various accounts meet your banking needs, now and in the future, can help you avoid banking headaches. Finding the right bank may seem overwhelming, but taking the time to research all the options can end up saving you a lot of money in the end.

Open mic entertains at Austin's

by Cara Lanetot
Staff reporter

Sounds of informal jamming on guitars and a harmonica filled Austin's Roadside Deli last Friday night as musicians took turns sharing their talents with the audience.

The Friday night open mic continues all quarter, attracting students, families and residents.

Austin Smith, owner of Austin's Roadside Deli, has held open mic nights in the past but not on a regular basis.

"I'm interested in providing an alternative to bars," Smith said.

Austin's Roadside Deli is a non-smoking, non-alcohol environment.

The open mic night is the brainchild of Douglas Plænhus, Ellensburg resident and musician.

"I was anxious to play music, and provide an opportunity for myself and others to perform material," Plænhus said.

Though the majority of performers have been musicians, the open mic night is also for poets and other artists.

"It's always interesting for me to see what people will do," Plænhus said.

Welcoming middle school, high school and Central students to attend, Plænhus wants to see a wider range of people at the open mic.

"We would like a mix of cross-

generational experience," Plænhus said.

His plans include establishing specific times to play his guitar to add a familiar and consistent element to the night.

"Maybe like on the hour I might do a short set, then move into the open mic," Plænhus said.

The open mic varies in attendance from 10 to 40 people each Friday.

Attendance and participation is essential for open mic night to continue.

Smith said turnout needs to be larger if the open mic will continue next quarter.

"We really would welcome people to come down," Plænhus said.

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Wildcat Sports Calendar

Men's Basketball: Friday and Saturday at Shippensburg, Penn., Invitational — Shippensburg, Penn.; Nov. 26-27 at Western Washington Invitational — Bellingham

Women's Basketball: Friday and Saturday at Seattle Pacific Classic — Seattle; Nov. 26-27 at Northwest Nazarene Classic — Nampa, Idaho

Wrestling: Friday at San Francisco State, Southern Oregon — Ashland, Ore.; Saturday at Southern Oregon Open — Ashland, Ore.

Swimming: Friday and Saturday vs. Puget Sound and Linfield — CWU Pool

Women's Cross Country: Saturday at NCAA Nationals — Joplin, Mo.

Tip-off Time



Men try to match 24-5 record

by Tim Booth
Sports Editor

The Central men's basketball team started last season as the team no one respected, the team no one took even a second glance at on the schedule.

By the end of the 1998-99 season they were the ones no one wanted to play, sneaking up on unsuspecting teams like a wolf ready to attack its prey. In the process, they enjoyed the second winningest season in school history.

This season the Wildcats are facing a new role, that of the hunted. The Wildcats have already been tabbed preseason top 10 in the country by two publications. Central now has a giant bulls-eye in the middle of its chest, but that's what happens when a team goes 24-5 overall, 17-1 in conference and are ranked No. 1 in the West Region most of the season.

"We got that 'NAIL' tag off of us," said head coach Greg Sparling of last season. "It put us on the Division II basketball map... It was a great feat for the program, town and university."

The Wildcats won 24 of their first 25 games last season and host-

ed the NCAA West Regionals, only to lose to Cal State-San Bernardino in the regional semifinal. That loss has provided extra motivation for Central entering this season.

"For us to play our worst game of the season on the last day was very frustrating," Sparling said.

The first squad to fire a shot at the Wildcats bulls-eye is Shippensburg University, Friday afternoon in the Shippensburg, Penn. Invitational. It's the first game in a month that has Central facing arch-rival Western Washington. Conference favorite Seattle Pacific and up-and-coming Western Oregon. They will also make a trip to the High Desert Classic in Las Vegas to face pre-season No. 8 Southern Indiana and Morningside. It's a stretch that has the Wildcats playing 10 of their first 12 games on the road, a stretch that Sparling hopes will bring a somewhat unfamiliar team closer together.

"Right now all the guys are still trying to feel each other out," Sparling said. "With 10 of our first 12 on the road we're going to be pretty battle-tested as a team."

Leading the Wildcats this season will be senior forward Carson Payne. The 6-foot-4 swingman from

Vancouver has been named a preseason All-American by four publications.

"I don't feel any pressure or hype on me," Payne said. "Everything I'm getting I owe to my teammates from last year."

Last year Payne was the Wildcats' leading scorer, tossing in 14.4 points per game and was named PacWest Conference tournament Most Valuable Player.

"I've told Carson that he has to bring it every night. He's got to elevate his game, and if he has a great season, we have a great season," Sparling said.

Joining Payne in the front court will be junior Marty DeLange. DeLange started more than half of Central's games last season averaging 9.3 points per game and leading the Wildcats in rebounding, pulling down more than five boards a game.

Because of a lack of depth up front, the Wildcats will play "small ball" again this season, using three guards most of the time and sometimes even four guards on the floor at once.

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Heather Trimm/Observer

Australian native Damien Chapman (No. 13) hits a three-pointer over Corby Schuh during a recent scrimmage.

Women plan up-tempo offense

by Mike Wells
Contributing writer

When sophomore center Rose Shaw of the Central women's basketball team explained last season's mediocre season, she didn't give excuses.

"We made too many excuses," Shaw said. "We've got to go out and use our talent to move into the upper echelon of the conference."

With all five starters returning, a talented recruiting group and the return of sophomore forward Jenny Dixon, the Wildcats plan to improve on last season's 12-15 overall and 6-12 PacWest conference record in its second season at the NCAA Division II level.

"In the last couple of years we've gone out and have gotten quality recruits," said third-year Central head coach Jeff Whitney. "This year you're going to see an improvement on both ends of the floor."

Nine of the 15 Wildcat losses were either to nationally ranked teams or teams ranked in the top ten

of the West Regional poll.

"With a year of D-II ball under our belts, we know now what it takes to pull out those close games," senior guard Jaime Johnston said.

The Achilles heel that bothered the Wildcats last season, lack of height and injuries, could continue to hurt the team at the start of the season.

The Wildcats go into their season opener Friday with only two players standing taller than six feet.

One of those players, sophomore Jennifer Niemi, is still recovering from off-season foot surgery, leaving Shaw as the only healthy post player.

Last season, Shaw averaged 12.0 points and a team-best 6.0 rebounds per game.

"Rose is instrumental to our offensive game plan," Whitney said. "When she's playing well on the inside, it opens up things for our perimeter players."

To make up for the lack of height in the post, the Wildcats will rely on the three-point shot and will play an up-tempo style of offense.

"If we have to use five quick guards on the court to give Rose a short breather, that's what we'll do," Whitney said. "Right now I would have to say that the three-point shot is our best offensive threat."

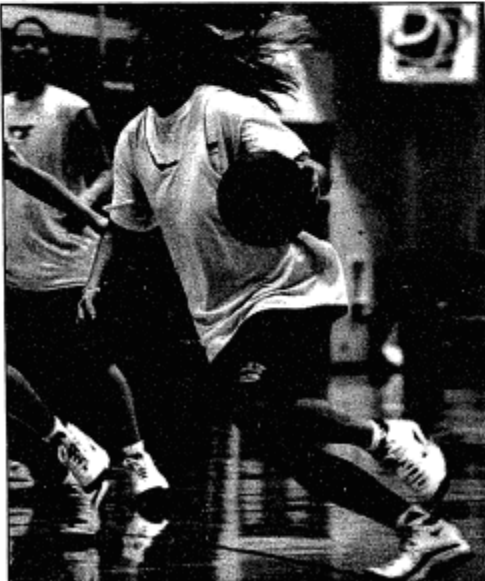
The Wildcats ranked seventh in the country in three-pointers, averaging 7.0 per game last season.

"With us having so many people on our team capable of shooting three's, that usually lets Rose be one-on-one in the post," senior guard Becki Matzen said.

Johnston led the Wildcat three-point barrage last season. She averaged 2.4 three-pointers per game, good enough for 31st in the country.

"The good thing about Jaime is that she can step outside and hit the three, or she can play down low and bang bodies for us," Whitney said.

Back to lead perhaps the deepest backcourt in a number of years is junior Kristen Willis. Willis, a two-year starter, averaged 11.4 points, 3.9



Heather Trimm/Observer

Guard Carrie Waddell, a transfer from Eastern Washington University will provide depth to the Wildcats' backcourt.

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Wrestling team to battle in Southern Oregon

by Paul Arrington
Staff reporter

Starting Friday, the Wildcat wrestling team embarks on their 1999-2000 season. The first of many tests will come this weekend at Southern Oregon.

Central will wrestle against Southern Oregon and San Francisco State University on Friday. On Saturday, Central will participate in the Southern Oregon Open where it will wrestle against some of the top Division I schools.

"As long as our team goes in mentally tough and mentally prepared, we'll have a good all-around showing this weekend," senior co-captain Chris Feist said.

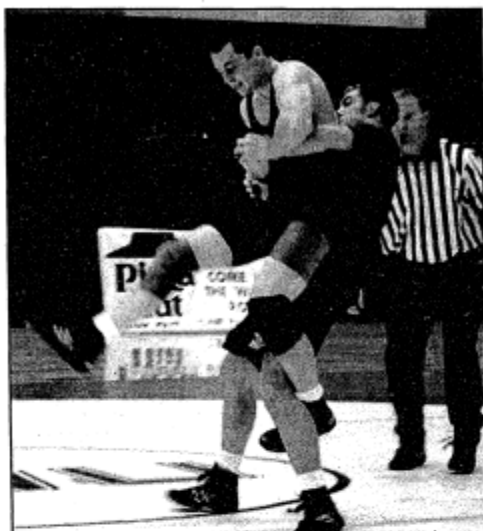
Going into the weekend, the Wildcats are ranked 10th in the nation in Division II. Although ranked high, Central has not beaten Southern Oregon in a dual meet in school history.

"I am looking forward to the opportunity to beat them down there this year because Southern Oregon has a tough team and we should match up with them real well," head coach Kevin Pine said.

On Saturday, Central hopes to make a statement against some of the toughest competition they will see all year.

"We have the talent to do very well but it's all within ourselves.... We mentally have to step up for this tournament because it is a Division I tournament and there is going to be a lot of big schools there," Feist said.

Pine would like the team to win the dual match on Friday and place high in the tournament on Saturday.



Breanne Jones/Observer

Former Central All-American Ben Orth attempts to take down Matt Ballard in the Alumni match on Nov. 5.

However, winning isn't his ultimate goal.

"Win or lose, I just want the guys to go out and wrestle tough," Pine said.

Weekend Recap
Central took five wrestlers to the Simon Fraser University Clansmen Freestyle Invitational this past weekend.

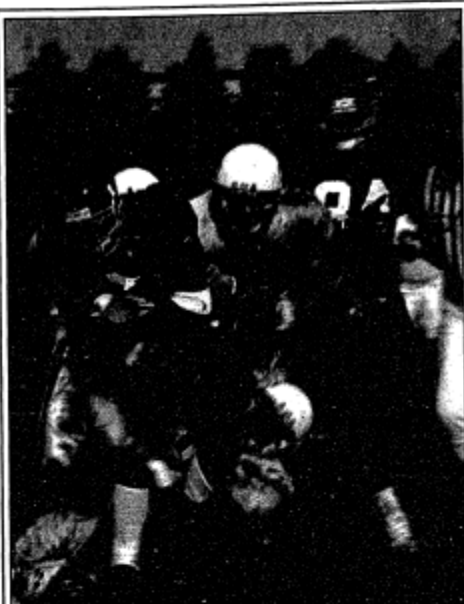
Nick Rodriguez posted the only Wildcat victory in the tournament. Central wrestlers had a tough time in Canada primarily because the

Wildcats were taking on some of the best wrestlers in the world.

"It was amazing just to get mat time against some of these Olympic caliber wrestlers," senior co-captain Jack Anderson said.

With the experience that Central gained in the tournament, the Wildcats also saw some room for improvement.

"Last weekend, the Olympic caliber wrestlers showed us that we need to get into better shape," Anderson said.



Angela Barbire/Observer

Sophomore running back Nat Conley breaks the tackle of a Simon Fraser defender in the Wildcats 43-14 win.

Football ends season with win

by Tim Bottorff
Staff reporter

The Central Wildcats ended their season on a high note Saturday, crushing the Simon Fraser University Clan 43-14, as senior running back Dan Murphy added his name to the Central record book one more time.

Murphy became Central's all-purpose yards leader by gaining 88 rushing yards and seven receiving yards, setting the new record of 4,187 yards. Murphy has already broken the school rushing and scoring titles.

Murphy had mixed feelings about the game.

"It feels good," Murphy said. "It's kind of a downer that it's my last game, but you've got to end your career sometime, and I went out on a win."

Central scored early in the first quarter on an acrobatic 27-yard touchdown catch by senior wide receiver Ryan Seal from freshman quarterback Zak Hill. Hill threw the ball 23 times for 311 yards against Simon Fraser.

Hill injured his left ankle late in the first quarter on a sack deep in Simon Fraser territory. Junior quarterback Pete Kalasountas came in and scrambled for a 9-yard touchdown three plays later.

Kalasountas was the starting quarterback for the Wildcats until he separated his shoulder in the homecoming game against Western. Since then, Hill has held the starting job.

Next year, Kalasountas will probably move to tight end, while Hill retains the starting quarterback position. Kalasountas played at tight end a few times on Saturday.

"It's not a for sure positive thing, but it's kind of looking that way," Kalasountas said. "I actually

"We sent the seniors out with a great memory."

—John Zamberlin

kind of brought it up to (quarterback coach Beau Baldwin)," Kalasountas said.

Kalasountas seems comfortable with the move.

"It's better for the team, so I said, 'OK, coach,'" Kalasountas said.

Hill added, "Everything seems like it's going to be my turn next year, I haven't talked to coach B about it that much, so we'll see how things go next year."

Hill's ankle injury was not serious. He came back into the game on Central's next possession. Central gave Simon Fraser ample opportunity to get on the scoreboard.

The Wildcats were called for 19 penalties for 161 yards. However, Central's defense held Simon Fraser to just 123 total offensive yards.

Simon Fraser scored 14 points in the fourth quarter. These points were the results of pass interference calls in the end zone.

Central head coach John Zamberlin disagreed with the calls. "There were some calls that were, in my mind, questionable," Zamberlin said.

Zamberlin is looking ahead to next season.

"I was pleased with how we prepared and came out here. We sent the seniors out with a great memory, and we'll build for the future," Zamberlin said.

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Rugby clubs start season with a strong presence

by Tony Mayer
Staff reporter

Rugby is the football world's version of "Look Ma, no pads!"

The allure of bone-crunching hits, the pushing and shoving of scrums, and funky-looking goalposts brought 350 fans out to the rugby field last Saturday to witness the Central Rugby Club's first home match of the 1999-2000 season.

The women's team did not disappoint, sending the crowd home happy with a 17-13 victory over the WSU women's team. Central improved its record to 1-1 on the season.

Central's men had a well-deserved weekend off in order to prepare for their upcoming home matches this Saturday against the Washington Huskies. The main match kicks off at 11 a.m., while the "second side" (similar to JV) match begins at 1 p.m.

The men's team has compiled a record of 5-1, and coach Jason Ray

expects the success to continue into the new year.

"The guys are dedicated and they have a great work ethic," Ray, a 16-year veteran of the sport, said.

The club's goal is to reach the playoffs and the Final Four of the national tournament.

Intense practices, a tradition of excellence dating back to the club's inception in 1972, and a formidable schedule against powerhouses such as Brigham Young University and Oregon State University will provide valuable experience as the season wears on.

With the exception of six returners from last year's squad, no one on the women's team had previously participated in rugby. However, the new players are fitting into the new experiences seamlessly.

"Because we had to teach the new girls how to play, we were a bit shaky up until last weekend," team captain Tabitha Magnuson said.

"The fans that came out really helped us play well as a team."

Women runners head to nationals

Wildcats make first national appearance in 11 years

by Michaela Wuefing
Staff reporter

Central's cross country women travel to Joplin, Mo., this weekend to compete in the NCAA national meet. This is the first national appearance for the women's team in 11 years.

"The reason we're going is because we all pushed and supported each other," freshman Alicen Maier said.

The Wildcats have worked hard all season and were rewarded for their efforts during both the PacWest and NCAA regional conferences. Central placed third at regionals to qualify for nationals.

"We're excited," head coach

Kevin Adkisson said.

Adkisson feels the women runners achieved their goal of making it to nationals. Now, he said, they must not let down because of the big competition at the meet.

The Wildcats are ranked 15th in the nation going into the national meet.

"We want to place in the top 11," junior Josie Beggs said. "It will be a gift to our region for next year."

Central will compete against 17 other teams. The course for the national meet is a 6000 meter race.

"We're pumped and excited," junior Abby Bielenberg said. "We're ready to run our fastest race all year."

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BALL: Dixon back from injury

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assists, 5.4 rebounds and 2.5 steals per game last season. She also had three games with at least 10 points and 10 rebounds.

"Kristen is one of the top guards in our league," Whitney said.

Expected to start alongside Willis in the backcourt is junior Tiffany Darling. Darling averaged 7.4 points a game last season.

"Tiffany is probably one of the most improved players from spring ball to now," Whitney said. "She put in the time during the off-season and I think you're going to see a different player this year."

The biggest key to the Wildcat line-up is the return of Dixon. The sophomore forward played in nine games last season before tearing cartilage in her knee. She shot a team-best 91.2 percent from the free-throw line.

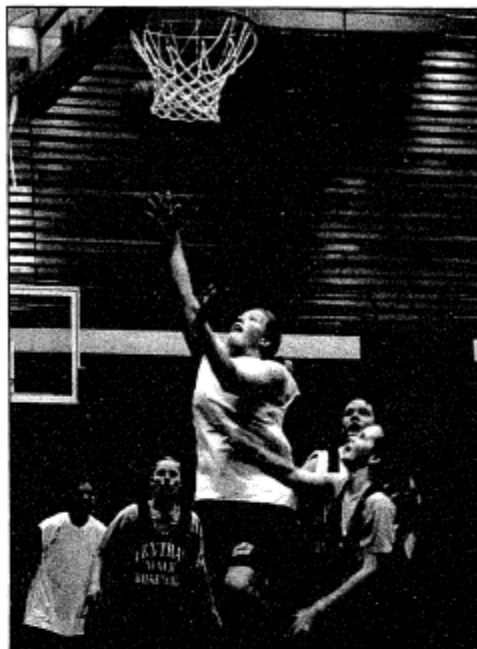
"Having Jenny back at the three-spot is huge for us," Whitney said. "She adds spark to our lineup that we didn't have last year."

Other key additions to the Wildcat line-up this season include junior guard Carrie Waddell and freshman Meggen Kautzky.

Waddell played in 47 games and averaged 2.2 assists while playing two seasons for the NCAA Division I Eastern Washington University Eagles.

"Carrie has good hands and is an extremely fine passer," Whitney said. "She also applies great ball pressure and has the ability to put the ball on the floor."

Kautzky averaged 10 points a game her senior year at Richland and was a three-time Big 9 all-conference player.



Heather Trimm/Observer

Sophomore center Rose Shaw drives to the basket for a lay-in during a recent practice. The Wildcats open their regular season on Friday at the Seattle Pacific Classic.

"Meggen is very athletic and her quickness will help our up-tempo game," Whitney said. "She also applies great ball pressure and has the ability to put the ball on the floor."

In the pre-season PacWest conference coaches poll, the Wildcats were picked to finish fifth.

"We've got to earn the respect of the coaches in the conference," Shaw said. "Hopefully by the end of this season coaches will realize that we're a better team than fifth."

The Wildcats open the 1999-2000 season Friday at the Seattle Pacific Classic against Barry University from Florida.

Observer PacWest Basketball Picks

Men's PacWest Predictions
by Tim Booth

1. Central Washington - Hard to pick against the defending champs.
2. Seattle Pacific - Two University of Oregon transfers make up for loss of All-American Jeff McIlwain.
3. Hawaii Pacific - Must replace All-Americans Shannon Lee and Robert Parker.
4. Western Oregon - The scarier team around. No one will want to play the Wolves late in the season.
5. Montana State-Billings - If they ever learn to play defense could be unstoppable.
6. Alaska-Anchorage - Ed Kirk is one of the nation's best all-around players. Broke out against Notre Dame last year on ESPN.
7. Western Washington - Who knows? Could battle for conference title or be major disappointment.
8. BYU-Hawaii - David Evans is incredible. Do they have anyone else?
9. St. Martin's - See Western Washington.
10. Alaska-Fairbanks - Get tested early in Top of World Classic.
11. Chaminade - Gave Central only conference loss last season.
12. Hawaii-Hilo - At least they go to school in Hawaii.
13. Humboldt State - The whipping boy of the West Division.

14. Western New Mexico - Um, er, well, maybe they'll get a win.

Women's PacWest Predictions
by Mike Wells

1. Western Washington University - Return all five starters from a team that made it to the West Regional playoffs.
2. Montana State-Billings - Head coach left for Division I Montana State before start of the season but still has winning tradition behind its name.
3. Seattle Pacific - Has two of the top players in the conference in Gus Balogh and Liz Guppy.
4. Central Washington - Has deepest backcourt in the league. Lack of height and injuries will keep them below the top three teams in the conference.
5. Alaska-Anchorage - Can win at home but can't win on the road.
6. Alaska-Fairbanks - See above team.
7. Saint Martin's - Don't have the guards to compliment the post play.
8. Western Oregon - Mystery team of the conference. Can pull an upset on any of the teams above.
9. Western New Mexico - Have to replace two big-time scorers.
10. Humboldt State - Cellar-dweller of the conference.

HOOPS: 10 of first 12 on road

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The job of replacing all-conference point guard Derrick Elliott will fall into the hands of junior Justin Burch and Portland State University transfer Reggie Ball.

Burch is in his third year in the program, last season splitting time at the point with Elliott after starting his freshman year.

Ball comes to Central after two years at Highline Community College and a season starting for Portland State. Last year he averaged 7.6 points per game and 5 assists per game.

"He brings a lot of maturity and is a great floor leader," Sparling said. "As he gets more comfortable with the system, his game is going to rise."

After starting more than 20 games for the Vikings last season, Ball feels his experience could help contribute to a national title run.

"I'm trying to bring a little more patience to the offense so it runs more smoothly," Ball said. "We have enough talent and confidence here that I think we've got a good shot at the national championship."

Another hole the Wildcats need to

fill is at the wing position with the graduation of Tyce Nasinec and Keith Hennig. Two former Yakima Valley Community College MVPs will take over.

Damien Chapman, a native of Melbourne, Australia, averaged 16.3 points per game last season for Yakima.

"He's a very athletic guy who can put a lot of points on the board," Sparling said.

The other former Yakima Valley Yak to step into a Wildcat uniform is Brandon Rinta, a player whose on court performance thus far has Sparling expecting big things.

"He's so fundamental it's hard to teach him a lot," Sparling said. "He's the type of guy who'll have double figure points and near double figure rebounds every night."

Rinta red-shirted last season after an elbow injury forced him to switch from his natural right-handed shot to a left-handed shot.

Central's schedule has the Wildcats playing only nine games inside the confines of Nicholson Pavilion and 18 on the road.

The Wildcats home opener is two weeks from tonight against Western Oregon University.

Around Campus

All conference teams announced

The PacWest Conference and the Columbia Football Association announced its all-conference teams in soccer, volleyball and football last week.

14 Wildcat athletes were named to either the first or second teams.

Football:

CFA All-Star First-Team
Jason Patterson, defensive back and kick returner
Dan Murphy, running back
Ty Nunez, wide receiver
Jed Slayter, linebacker
Brandon Christensen, linebacker

Second-Team

Ryan Seal, wide receiver
Josh Johnston, offensive line
John Fields, defensive line
Scott Henry, defensive back

Volleyball:

PacWest All-Star team, Second-Team
Kari St. Martin, setter
Katie Orgill, outside hitter

Soccer:

PacWest All-Star team, First-team
Stephanie Sanders, defender

Second-team

Rebecca LaLiberte, defender
Jenny Merkel, forward

Early intramural sign-up available

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Former Wildcat basketball players Tyce Nasinec (left) and Eric Davis (right) along with Todd Nealey are now working as Central assistant basketball coaches.

Past players take on new role

by Tony Mayer
Staff reporter

As players for the Wildcat men's basketball team last year, Tyce Nasinec and Eric Davis were recognized throughout the PacWest Conference as masters of three-point shooting and intense play.

Even though their playing eligibility ran out last season, Nasinec, who is still working on his degree and Davis, who graduated last spring, have returned to the Central program this year to join fellow Central basketball alum and current student, Todd Nealey as assistant coaches. With several new players on this year's team, the coaches' experience in the Wildcat program will reap benefits on the team's play.

"You've been there asking the same questions, so we know where (the players) are coming from," Nealey said.

Nealey was a member of head coach Greg Sparling's staff that last year led Central to a 24-5 record and to the second round of the NCAA Division II tournament.

"We prepare the team for basketball and school," Nasinec said.

So how many assistant coaches does it take to fill one man's shoes? The Wildcats hope that number is three, after former assistant coach Mike Burns left Ellensburg to become an assistant at Stephen F. Austin University in Texas. Burns was noted for his personable, accom-

modating nature off the court and his booming, fiery voice during practices and games.

"Mike did it all because he was a full-time assistant, so he would be working hard in [the basketball office] from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.," Nealey said. "If I wasn't going to school and coaching at the same time, I'd spend all day in the office talking basketball."

When Sparling searched for Burns' replacement, he kept the tradition of Central coaching by remaining in-house to find his help.

"All three of [the assistant coaches] were leaders during their playing days and wanted to be coaches someday," Sparling said.

Each member of this year's staff has their own strength in coaching.

"Todd does a good job communicating to the players, and Eric's the one that uses intensity to be a good motivator," Nasinec said. "I see myself as a teaching coach, making sure they get the system down."

All three men enjoyed great individual and team moments in their playing careers, each having their own personal highlight reels. Nasinec's came in the 1998 PNWAC title game against Western Washington, played in Nicholson Pavilion, and vaulted the Wildcats to their third NAIA national tournament appearance in four years.

"I think [my best moment] came when I got to dunk at the end of the title game against Western," Nasinec

said. "Three league championships in four years for the team was a great achievement."

Nealey also had fond memories of beating Western during the 1996-97 season, his only season as a Wildcat.

"Scoring 31 points on Western and cutting down the nets to go to nationals were both great," Nealey said.

Davis keyed a furious Central comeback against Azusa Pacific in the second round of the 1997 NAIA national tournament by scoring 17 points in the second half.

Having fallen short of expectations last year as the favored team in the NCAA West Regional, the coaches are trying to instill in their players the confidence needed to reach the next level.

"If everybody focuses on the team goal all year long — believing that they can be a national champion — and not lose sight of that goal, they will be successful," Nealey said.

The millennium edition of Central men's basketball is full of promises, hype, and a whole lot of fun.

"I love seeing when everybody buys into the game plan. When that happens, the whole experience turns from work to play," Nealey said.

Sparling added, "[The team is] deep as ever, they're athletic as ever, everybody gets along well off the court. They're all good people to work with."

Lack of depth hurts swimmers

by Roslyn Biggs
Asst. Sports editor

After falling short against Seattle University on Friday, the Central swim teams hope to come back strong as they host the University of Puget Sound and Linfield College in a three-way meet this weekend.

"I hope to stay competitive," junior co-captain Jay Box said. "We weren't very competitive at Seattle University. No one really stepped up, I didn't step up, and we can't. I'm looking forward to this weekend and plan to do better."

Seattle swept both Wildcat teams, defeating the men 147-53 and the women 117-87.

The men's record rests at 0-2 after falling to Whitworth earlier in the season. Earning a win against Whitworth and a loss versus Washington State University, the women are only slightly ahead of that mark at 1-2.

While the scores may not indicate it, Central posted a number of outstanding performances against Seattle. Among these, sophomore Amy Mahre, senior Joni Jacobs, and freshman Rob Messer all achieved

times at or near the national qualifying times.

According to head coach Candi Carlson, there has been a lack of depth up to this point and the teams have struggled to fill the lanes. However, with swimmers continually reaching or beating their best times, she feels good about where the teams are this early in the season.

"Everyone is swimming pretty good for right now," Carlson said.

In this weekend's meet, the Wildcats are likely to be tested by the UPS program, which is known to boast strong speed. On the other hand, Central should have a good shot at beating Linfield.

"It'd be great if we could beat UPS," Mahre said. "Last year we lost to them and I know we lost to them the year before that. To come away with a win would be really great for the team."

Central will host UPS in a dual meet at 6 p.m. Friday. The action will continue on Saturday as the Wildcats host UPS and Linfield in a three-way meet. Both meets will take place in the Central Swimming Complex.

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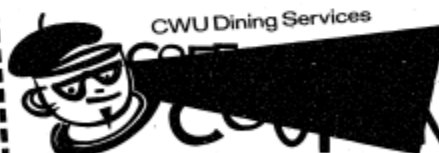
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